



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Southeast Region

Reply to

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Subject: CACFP Policy Number 226.19-08: Afterschool At Risk Snacks in Emergency Shelters

To: All State Directors

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
Southeast Region

We are issuing this memorandum to clarify that emergency shelters that operate after school care programs with education or enrichment activities for homeless children and youth during the regular school year are automatically eligible for at-risk after school snacks under CACFP.

This policy provides older children, who are homeless and consequently automatically eligible for free meals, access to afterschool care snacks, even if the emergency shelter's program is not located in a school attendance area where at least 50 percent of the enrolled students are eligible for free and reduced price meals. It also allows shelters in eligible States (i.e., Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Oregon, and Pennsylvania) to serve reimbursable suppers to homeless children in their afterschool care programs.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the Child, Adult, and Summer Nutrition Programs Section.

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